

COMMENT OF THE DAY

HK Theatre

IS it too much to ask ten dollars for a theatre seat in Hongkong? This question was raised last week when a reader complained about high charges for "stalls" seats for the new Hongkong Stage Club production. The letter suggested that by increasing its admission charges the "Stage Club" would lose public support and the author said: "Surely this (the ten dollar seats) is asking too much when a comparison is made with London prices for star-studded casts." Quite apart from the fact that stalls seats at a West End play are at least twice as dear as the most expensive theatre seat in Hongkong, it is impossible to make a comparison between professional and amateur theatre groups in this way. Admittedly both have to budget for a production in a similar manner. There are certain expenses which are common to both groups but in the case of amateur groups there are certain financial limitations which make it absolutely essential to budget far more strictly than a professional company. It cannot afford lavish expense and it cannot afford to take risks. It has to recoup its expenses in a very limited season, based usually on average attendances at previous productions. Only rarely is it able to extend performance beyond a certain date.

IN small amateur groups there are usually two big problems to be solved before embarking on any production—two problems which hardly arise in the case of a large professional company. They are royalties—which for a successful play produced recently in the West End or Broadway can be very expensive—and the hire of a local hall or cinema for the production. In the present case, the Stage Club has had to increase admission charges because of increased rental for the theatre at the Fleet Club. It is naturally an unpopular and reluctant decision to pass on extra charges to the public for it can affect attendance. But if an amateur theatre has a duty to serve the best possible plays to its public in the most attractive form possible, there is every justification for asking the public to pay a reasonable price. The local groups have given us a number of productions fresh from Broadway and the West End in a wide range of drama in recent years. And their charges for admission can only be described as moderate.

IF the amateur theatre groups here are to remain something more than just village dramatic societies, and if they continue to fulfil a very definite cultural need in this Colony it is rather mean and niggardly to complain about high charges. This is not London and the local casts may not be "star-studded." But plays are expensive to produce anywhere and the standard of theatre in Hongkong is well worth encouraging. We can, of course, allow the present groups to degenerate to the level of "amateur dramatics" which would limit their appeal considerably and deprive Hongkong of a valuable theatre altogether. It is unfortunate that so little is known about the amateur theatre in Hongkong. It is rather tedious to suggest that we take the mob view that London "with Oliver, O'Connell and Richardson" and other stars can provide a "theatre." Although this is not common to Hongkong, the attitude of that "mob" is a constant reminder of the fact that the amateur theatre is a very real and valuable part of our cultural life.

MOVE TO END BIG DOCK STRIKE

Union Leaders To Make "Back To Work" Appeal Today

GOVT. THREAT TO USE TROOPS

London Newspapers Close Down

London, Oct. 11. A spokesman of the British Newspaper Proprietors Association said at 1100 GMT today all the London offices of the British national newspapers had closed down for the night following a printing dispute at the Daily Sketch.

The N.P.A. spokesman added that several thousand men were affected by the close down.

It was the first major shut down in Fleet Street, London's newspaperland, for many years. The dispute dates back to 1953 when the Associated Newspapers took over the Daily Sketch from Kemsley Newspapers.

The stoppage occurred despite an appeal by the Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton, after a meeting at the Ministry between representatives of the newspaper proprietors and the unions involved.

A Ministry of Labour statement said: "The dispute had arisen between the unions and management over the machine printing of the Daily Sketch."

WARM WEATHER RETURNING

The sudden cool weather the Colony is experiencing at the moment has been caused by the outbreak of cold air from the Continent. But you summer lovers have nothing to fear as this cool weather is expected to warm up slowly in the next two days.

Officials of the mammoth Transport and General Workers' Union said today they would issue "back to work" appeals to London's 21,000 striking dockers tomorrow in an effort to stave off drastic Government measures to get the world's largest port working with the help of troops. The decision to take the appeal to mass meetings at dock gates along the sprawling 49 miles of waterfront came as the Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton, reported on the labour situation to the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill.

Sir Walter has said he will wait for the result of dockers' union meetings during the week before taking any action but transport union officials feared troops would be called in to handle the cargoes of the 112 idle ships unless there is a general return to work.

More than 6,000 ship repair workers were out with the dockers tonight in four separate strikes and several hundred meat cold storage employees said they would refuse to resume work tomorrow as a gesture of "sympathy."

Officials at the Transport Workers' Union, from which 12,000 members joined the 7,000 from the breakaway National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union against orders, expressed fears that the strike would be extended if troops were ordered in. They went to get the men back before such action is ordered.

First efforts will be directed at the permanent dock workers who joined in the strike when the transport union was ordered to handle cargo for the liner Chusan. About 400 of the 3,000 permanent workers returned yesterday when employers agreed not to use ship's crews to handle strike-bound cargo. It was hoped the other 2,600 would return tomorrow afternoon.

ALBERT HALL MEETING. The transport union hopes to persuade the main body of strikers to go back at a meeting to be held at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday. The National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union's 7,000 men are on an "official" walkout.

Meanwhile, a new threat to the docks arose with the report that the small Watermen, Lightermen, Tugmen and Barge-men's Union executive is meeting tomorrow to consider joining the walkout.

Ex-Rumanian Minister Gets Life Sentence

Paris, Oct. 10. Former Rumanian Finance Minister Vasile Luca has been sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labour on charges of activities designed to disorganize the Rumanian economy and to sabotage the development of Rumanian socialism, the Rumanian news agency "Agerpres" reported tonight. Luca was originally sentenced to death, but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, the agency said. Three other persons were sentenced with Luca in a trial before a military panel of the Rumanian Supreme Court—France Presse.

More than 100 ships are idle, and the dockers' leaders have said that the stoppage will be one of the most bitter in dockland's turbulent history.

In warehouses and along miles of quaysides, goods are piled up. Much of it is part of Britain's vital export drive.

Union leaders have warned the Government that the strike will spread to every port in the country if the Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton, does not call both sides together for talks—United Press and Reuter.

Punishment Drill For Duke Of Kent

Over, Buckingham Palace, Oct. 10. The Duke of Kent, Queen Elizabeth's young soldier cousin, spent part of his 19th birthday yesterday on punishment drill.



The War Office said the Duke, son of the Duchess of Kent, was given the punishment for a "minor offence." He and 60 other officer cadets spent half an hour crunching up and down the parade ground at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Then the Duke was given a weekend pass and came to his mother's home here. Later he and his mother and his sister, Princess Alexandra, went to a London theatre—China Mail Special.

'LEAVE CHINA'S U.N.O. SEAT EMPTY'—SHAWCROSS

New York, Oct. 10. Sir Hartley Shawcross, former Labour Attorney-General in Britain, said today that while People's China should not be seated immediately in the United Nations, the seat should be vacated.

Narriman Walks Out On Husband No 2

Cairo, Oct. 10. Ex-Queen Narriman left her Alexandria home and went to her mother's home in Heliopolis, after a quarrel with her husband, Dr. Adham El Nakib, a friend of the family said tonight.



EX-QUEEN NARRIMAN. The ex-Queen's mother, Madame Assia Hanem, told reporters it was the "evil eye" of an anxious people which led to the break. She said the quarrel would soon be patched up and Narriman would go home to her husband.

"Our view should be that while Communist China cannot expect to be seated while she engages in subversive activities, we should leave no doubt that if she plays her part in contributing to peace, her right to be seated will be recognised," he said in an address to the Harvard Club.

"For my own part, I would have thought that in the meantime, it would be more realistic to leave the Chinese seat empty than to have it occupied by those who have not and are not likely to have any effective government over China."

SHAWCROSS. Sir Hartley said he thought the Communist states "who are realists" would stop short of provoking a war and their achievements "so far encourage them that they will win the cold war by propaganda and infiltration. But if co-existence is possible, what sort is it to be?"

West's policy must not be aggressive, it should encourage conditions in which the Communist countries are not forced into the closest alliance with each other.—Reuter.

New Peking Manoeuvre On Formosa

Paris, Oct. 10. The Premier and Foreign Minister of Communist China, Mr. Chou En-lai, cabled the United Nations accusing the United States of "armed aggression against China's territory of Formosa."

A New China News Agency dispatch from Peking monitored here tonight said that Chou En-lai's telegram was sent to Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United Nations, for transmission to the President of the United Nations General Assembly, Dr. Yeh Kien-feng.

HK TRAMS BACK

Trams of the Hongkong Tramways Limited resumed service this morning after yesterday's strike by the workers yesterday over the dismissal of 21 employees.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

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RACE 2 L'Arc Triomphe Strathlan Icefield Outsider:—Rainbow.	RACE 2 Rainbow Strathlan Clonckle Outsider:—L'Arc Triomphe.
RACE 3 Hallmark Potentially Knock-Again Outsider:—Emerald.	RACE 3 Beautiful Lie Ping On Crackjack Outsider:—Knock-Again.
RACE 4 Same Again Fighting Spirit Diamond Queen Outsider:—Avoca.	RACE 4 Fighting Spirit Ginger Santa Claus Outsider:—Same Again.
RACE 5 John Hallifax Giddup Adorable Ada Outsider:—Minicola.	RACE 5 Minicola Scarf Wendy Peace Outsider:—Adorable Ada.
RACE 6 Strathpeffer Peony Wild Out Outsider:—Crown Witness.	RACE 6 Fortuna Crown Witness Strathpeffer Outsider:—Wild Out.
RACE 7 Attractive Power Tune-Phone Easy-Going Outsider:—Acropole.	RACE 7 Attractive Power Calamity May Blossom Outsider:—Jelfield.
RACE 8 Gay Prince Forward View High Speed Outsider:—Bright Bay.	RACE 8 Gay Prince Tom Thumb Air Power Outsider:—High Speed.
RACE 9 Ironside First Lady Evening View Outsider:—Harvest Moon.	RACE 9 First Lady Evening View Dashing Beauty II Outsider:—Queenpots.
RACE 10 How Do I Know United Victory Atomic Caesar Outsider:—Cavalcade.	RACE 10 Comet Atomic Caesar Free Kicks Outsider:—Unleash White.

BOXING LESSONS FOR PRINCE CHARLES?

London, Oct. 10. Prince Charles came home from holiday today to a London that was buzzing with reports that he would soon be mixing it with boys of his own age in the boxing ring. The heir to the Throne will be six next month.

Sunday newspaper cartoonists had a field day with the idea. The Sunday Pictorial pictured the boxing promoter, Jack Solomons, saying over the telephone: "A contract for which Charles—Essard or Prince?"

The Sunday Graphic cartoonist sketched a small boy explaining a black eye to his mother: "If you must know, I got it by Royal Appointment."

The Sunday Chronicle cartoonist had one police man cautioning another against interfering a street fight between two boys in front of Buckingham Palace: "Better see who they are first," says the bobby.

All Right With Him

The report that Charles was about to take up the study of self-defence sprang up last week. Mr. Peter Butler, second secretary in the U.S. Embassy, said Palace sources had approached him about allowing his six-year-old son

Stephen to spar with the Prince.

Mr. Butler said nothing had been settled but it was all right with him.

The London Daily Mirror said letters from its readers favoured boxing lessons for the Prince by nine to one.—United Press.

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New Hitch In Suez Canal Pact

Cairo, Oct. 10. The British Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Anthony Nutting, left by air tonight for consultations in London on a new hitch preventing final settlement of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute over the Suez Canal zone.

He refused to make a statement of the hitch, which developed yesterday at talks between Mr. Nutting and Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egyptian Prime Minister.

Mr. Nutting flew here on September 28 to speed up the negotiations on an agreement for the British evacuation of the Canal Zone, which was expected to have been signed in the coming week.

NOT SERIOUS

Colonel Nasser, who lunched with Mr. Nutting earlier today, told reporters: "There are some obstacles in the way of the Canal settlement, but they are not serious."

He did not think Mr. Nutting would return to Cairo.

A British Embassy spokesman said: "We are within a short distance from the point where everything falls into place—financial and the future organisation of the Canal base. These two questions are inter-related. Diplomatic sources said Mr. Nutting would also have talks in London with representatives of contractors who will work in the Canal base after the agreement is signed.—Reuter."

French MRP View Of London Pact

Paris, Oct. 10. The National Council of the Popular Republican Party passed a resolution at a meeting today, declaring that the London agreement in their present state "do not satisfy the indispensable conditions for their acceptance."

This strongly indicated that Party deputies would vote against the Government, though the resolution gave no clear ruling on what attitude they would adopt.

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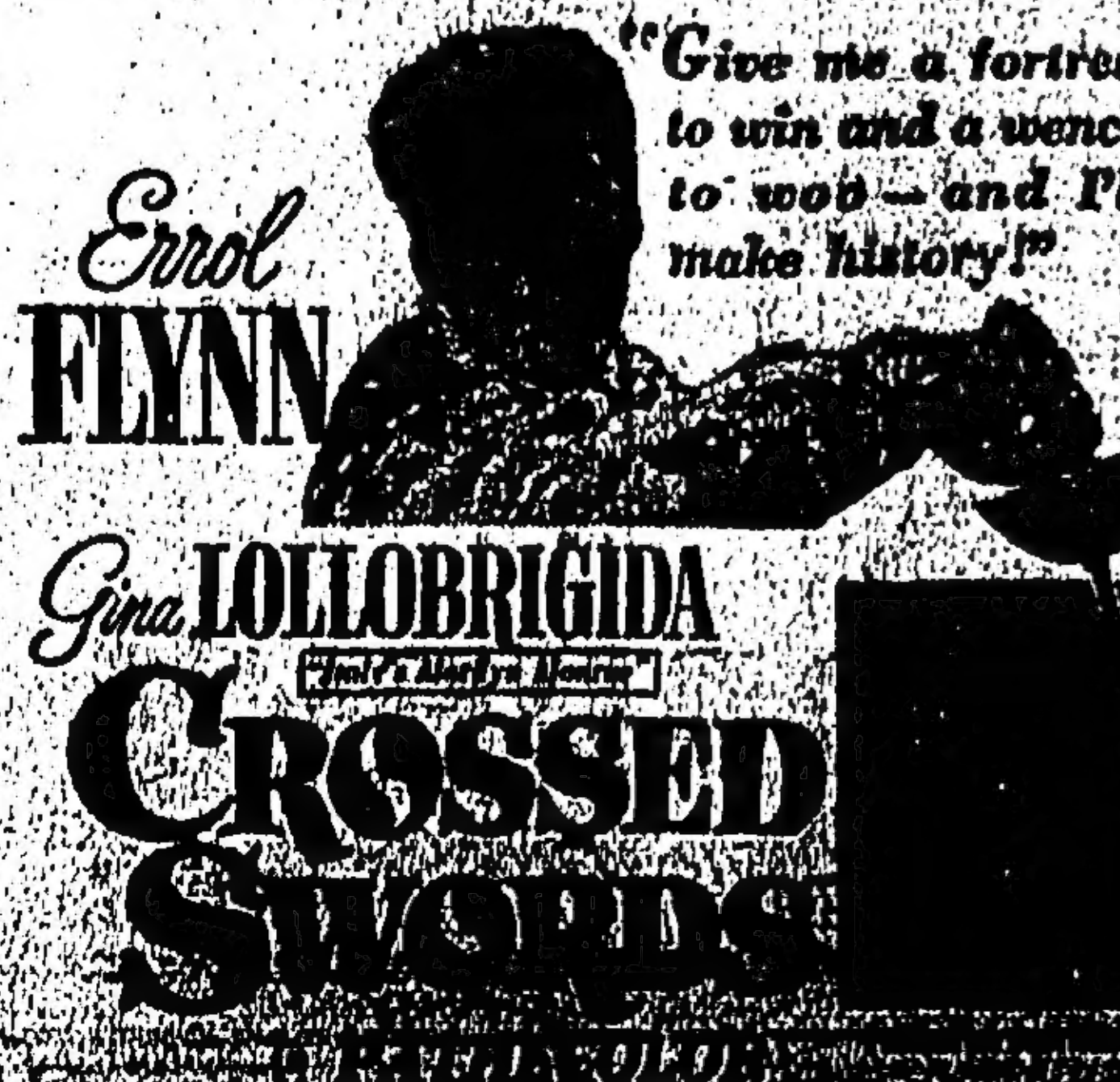
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W. Germany Agrees With Sir Winston



Piper Tom Mollins, of Perth, Lanarkshire, became the modern Pied Piper to these German children in a farmyard through which his unit, the 1st Cameron Highlanders, was passing in Germany. It was the first bagpipes the boys had heard and they were thrilled.—Central Press Photo.

America Imported Over \$19 Million From Red Nations

Washington, Oct. 10.

The Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Sinclair Weeks, said today that the United States imported \$19,613,000 worth of goods from Communist nations in Europe and exported \$882,000 to them in the first half of 1954.

During the same period, his Department approved \$7,108,000 worth of applications for new trade with Communist countries, compared with \$484,000 in the first half of 1953. But Mr. Weeks said he did not "anticipate what United States trade with that area would become" in relation to total trade figures.

The figures were contained in the Secretary's quarterly report to President Eisenhower on export controls. Both exports

and imports dropped in the 1954 period compared with those for the first half of 1953, when imports totalled \$20,415,000 and exports \$1,209,000.

THREE FACTORS

Mr. Weeks said Soviet trade with the United States "does not hold much promise of future growth" because of three factors:

1. "The inability or disinclination of the Communist countries of Europe to provide the desired goods in exchange for American goods."

2. "The apparent lack of U.S. business interest... American exporters in general have not actively pursued Soviet trade."

3. "The reluctance... may stem from lack of commercial representation both in the United States and abroad, public relations issues of the generally recognized instability and unacceptability of trading with the bloc."

He doubts whether Communist countries would be willing to use their dollar receipts to buy a large volume of non-strategic goods from the United States.

Mr. Weeks said that though in the last few months the Commerce Department had substantially reduced the number of trading items barred from sale to Communist countries in Europe, all strategic items were still forbidden.

In addition, he emphasized, all trade with Communist China and North Korea remained unlawful.—Reuter.

Entebbe, Oct. 10.

The British Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, flew to Northern Uganda today to continue his on-the-spot study of local problems.

He toured schools, colleges and tobacco processing depots in the Gulu district, met African district councillors, and in the evening attended a service at Gulu's African Church Mission.

Earlier in the day at Entebbe, he had talks with tribal rulers of Toro, Bunyoro and Ankole. Western Uganda.—Reuter.

ADENAUER WILL CALL HIGH PRICE IN PARIS

By IAN FRASER

Bonn, Oct. 10.

West German Government circles said here today that the views on the London conference on German rearment expressed yesterday by Sir Winston Churchill were "fully identical" with those of the West German Government.

The West German Foreign Office wants to avoid creating the impression that now Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, has made undoubted concessions to France in the matter of armaments control, he is prepared to go to any lengths to secure final French Parliamentary approval of the London agreement.

Chief outstanding question between France and West Germany is the future of the Saar territory, which French took from Germany in 1945.

The next ten days will see the stage set for Franco-German negotiations on a settlement.

M. Andre Francois Pontet, the French High Commissioner, called on Dr Adenauer on Friday for a brief meeting which is understood to have touched on the Saar as well as other questions.

PARIS MEETING

The French view is that there is no point in having further discussions on the Saar until the two government chiefs can meet in Paris on October 20. Expert committees have already fully considered the subject.

The French hope the two ministers will be able to reach agreement within a few hours on the general political principles of a Saar settlement, which could then be put on paper.

But their optimism is not entirely shared on the German side.

There are indications that Dr Adenauer will go to Paris and call for a high price, at any rate at first. Much Parliamentary opinion here believes France got the best deal in the London conference and that it now up to Paris to show a spirit of compromise.

(Mr. Adenauer will be able to show that M. Mendes-France is not the only government chief in Europe pressed by public opinion. Yesterday the six million strong West German Trade Union Federation voted against rearment before a fresh attempt had been made to secure German unity at a new four-power conference.)

Nevertheless the impression prevails in some authoritative sections of the Government coalition that Dr Adenauer, if hard pushed by M. Mendes-France, will give way on the Saar too. If he does, he will have to reckon with the defection of the 48 Free Democrats and possibly the 27 Socialists from his party alliance.

HEAVILY COMMITTED

Both parties are so heavily committed to secure the political re-attachment of the Saar to Germany that only the biggest concessions by Dr Adenauer would keep them in the Government should he have to cross them on the Saar issue.

Dr Adenauer will know what the terms of the Free Democrats and Socialists are: they want the post of either

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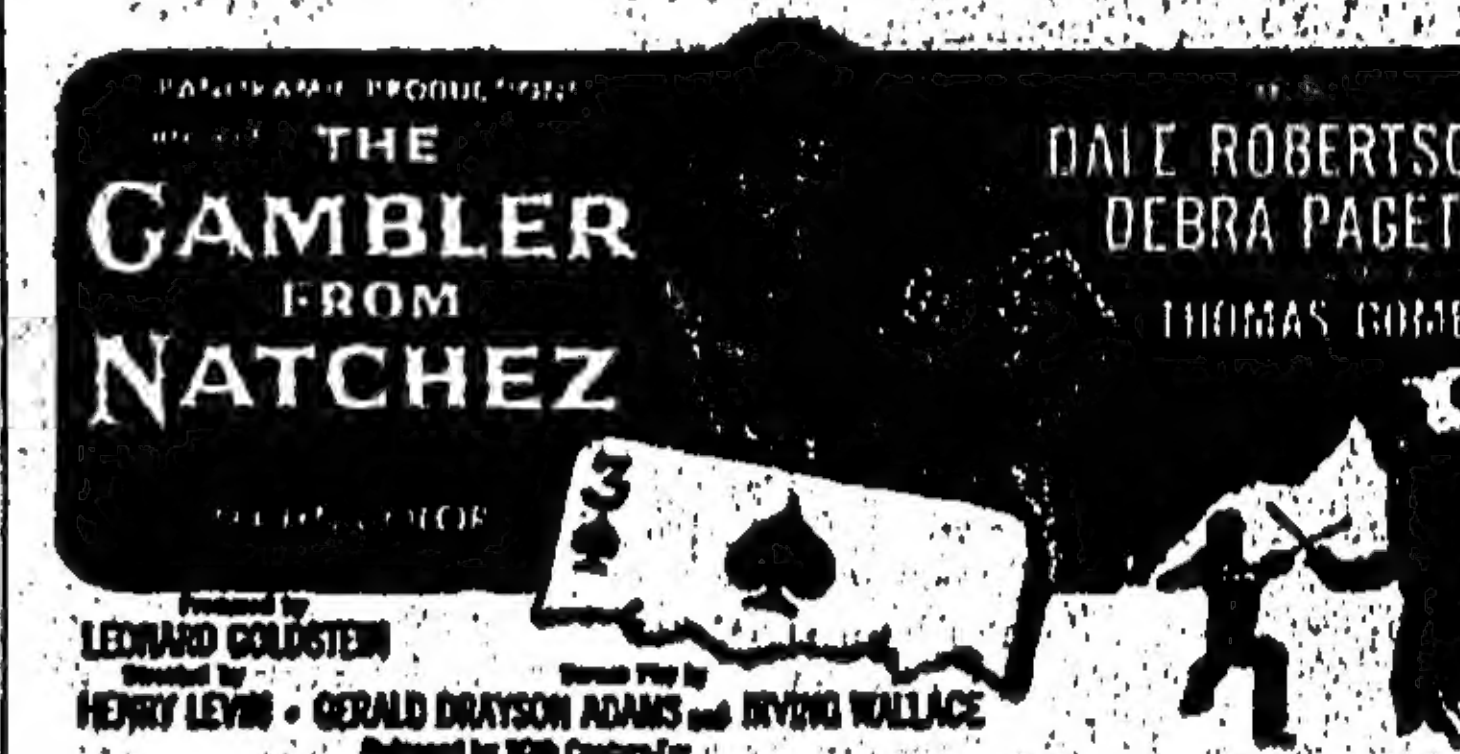
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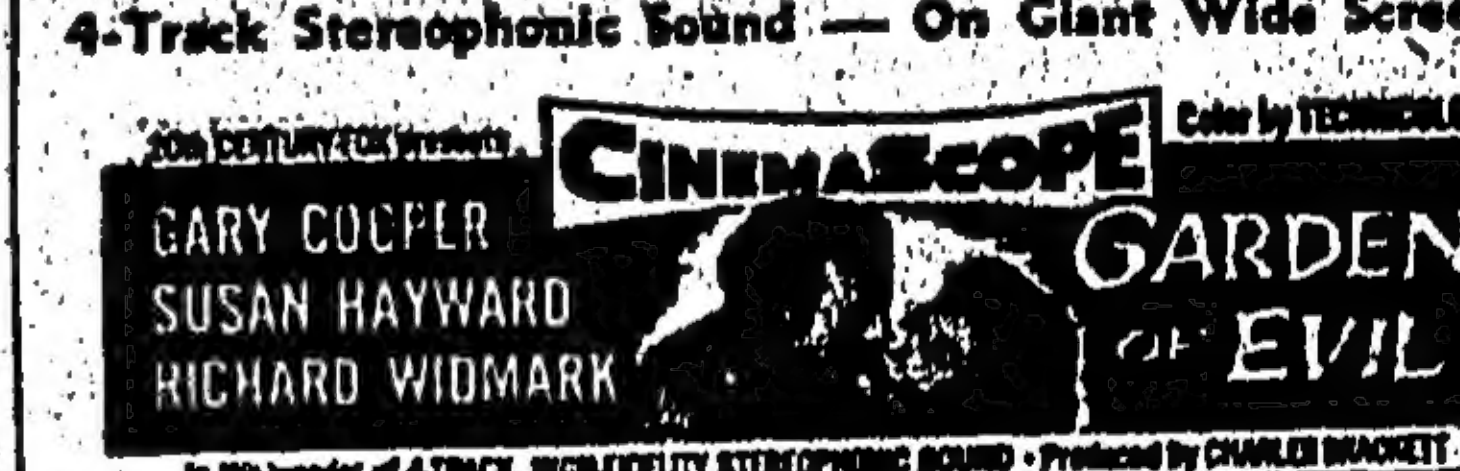
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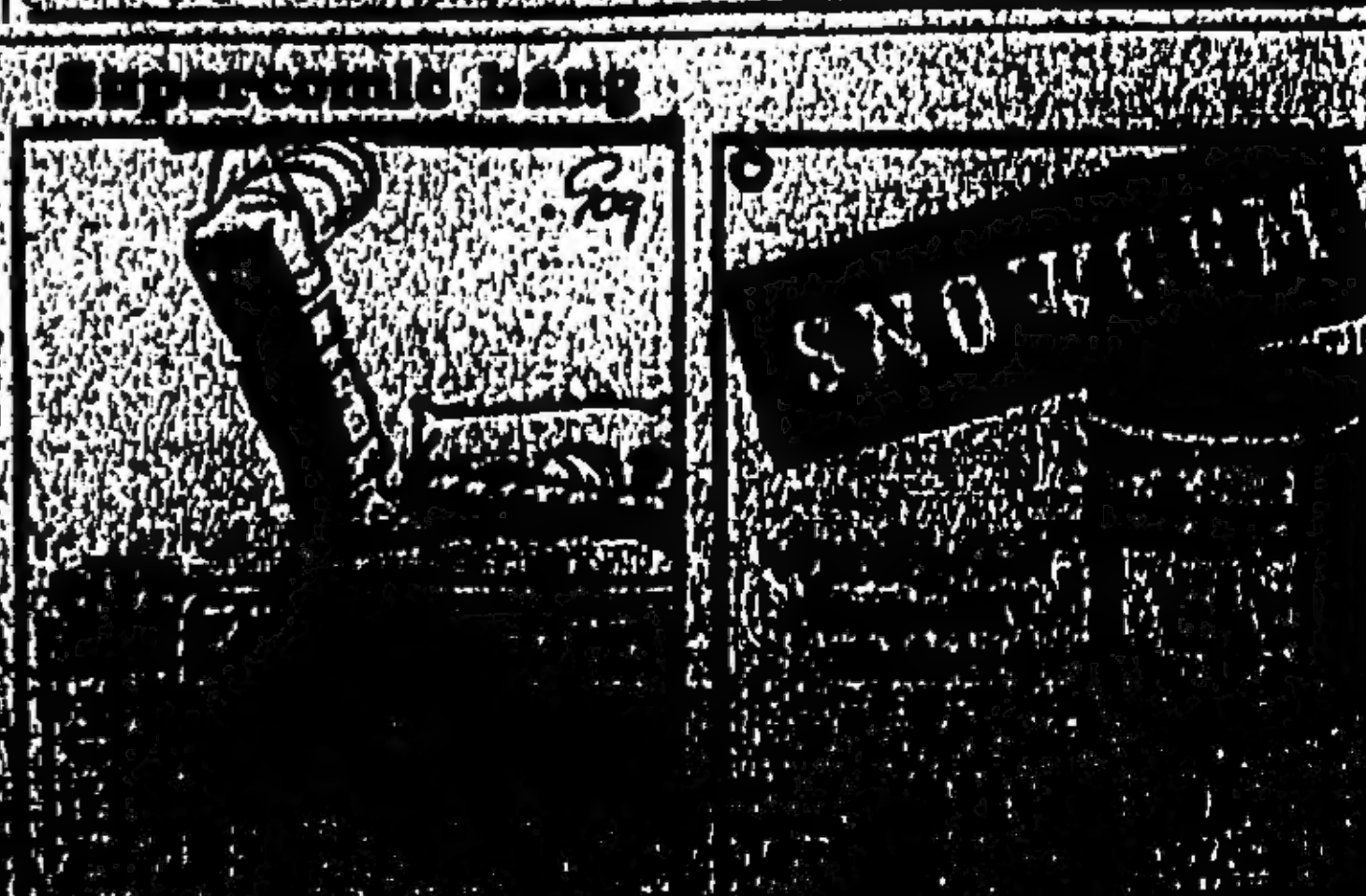
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Long Cold Winter Expected Behind The Iron Curtain

Washington, Oct. 10.

The U.S. Information Agency said today that people behind the Iron Curtain may be in for a cold winter because of lagging Communist coal production.

It said Red newspapers have been warning the people of the Communist world that coal output is far too low to meet demands. They blamed large-scale anticommunist and difficulty in recruiting new labour for the mines for failure to meet production targets.

In a dispatch to its overseas posts, the Information Agency said the Hungarian press has been "full of warnings about the prospect of a long, hard winter." It said the nation has a coal deficit of 300,000 tons compared with a 200,000-ton deficit last year.

HOUSEHOLD CUTS

As a result, the Agency said, household allotment of coal have been cut to less than one-third of pre-war levels.

The Agency said Czechoslovakia's Communist paper, Rudé Právo, warned that "in a few months last winter's crisis may repeat itself." The Agency said last winter people were cold, a large part of passenger traffic was suspended, freight transport was curbed and factories, power stations and other installations were hard hit.

In Rumania, the Communist press warned that people will not even be able to use firewood in place of coal because timber-trucks still owe the state thousands of wagons of firewood.

The Polish Radio has also been warning that coal production is well below targets. It said one of the major reasons for low production has been a heavy shift of miners to other jobs.—United Press.

Expedition To View Sun's Eclipse

Colombo, Oct. 10.

The Spouty Rock at Trincomalee on the east coast of Ceylon has been selected as the spot from which an expedition including world renowned scientists will observe the eclipse of the sun on the morning of June 20 next year.

The foreign team of scientists led by Einstein's collaborator, Prof. E. F. Freundlich, will be assisted by a team from the Ceylon University led by Prof. A. W. Maitavaram. The joint expedition will carry out two experiments, one by the Ceylonese team and the other by the visiting team.

The Ceylon team which includes about four members of the University staff will study the solar corona. This experiment had been tried unsuccessfully for the last 30 years. The last time it was tried was during the solar eclipse in Sweden early this year.

BENDING LIGHT RAYS

The foreign team will carry out an experiment to study the bending of the light rays of the sun. This team will include Prof. P. M. S. Blackett of the London University and Prof. Von Klüber of the Berlin University. The German Academy of Science has agreed to provide a large telescope and two observers for these experiments.

The leader of the foreign team, Prof. Freundlich, has led six different expeditions to view solar eclipses, five of which, however, proved unsuccessful as observations were marred by clouds.

This expedition is being sponsored by the Royal Society, London, and the Royal Astronomical Society.—United Press.

Israel Bans Russian Delegation

Tel-Aviv, Oct. 10.

Israel has banned the entry of a Soviet delegation of six, invited by a Communist-sponsored organisation, it was officially announced tonight. The Foreign Ministry said that entry had been refused to the Soviet delegation, which had been invited to attend the "Israel-Soviet Union Friendship Congress," due to open in Tel-Aviv next weekend.

A Foreign statement said: "Such visits should be based on reciprocity." As Israeli guests to the Soviet Union were invited by the Soviet Government, guests from the Soviet Union would be welcomed here only when invited by the Israeli Government. It added.—Reuter.



Jarred beyond belief

For a self-winding watch to remain uncoiled after a month on the wrist of a driver operating a steam locomotive is unparalleled. Such a feat has just been achieved by a Tudor Oyster Perpetual—the new self-winding watch, sponsored by Rolex of Geneva. The watch, which has been removed from its case to reveal the hands (wearing it as he pointed, the driver's hand was seen working the watch, which was still in motion, and he went on his way). The watch is a masterpiece of engineering.



Eighty Times Round The World On A Pound Of Fuel

Washington, Oct. 10.

The U.S. Air Force, moving a step nearer atom-powered planes, is expected to start work soon on a \$30,000,000 laboratory at East Hartford, Connecticut, to help in developing an atomic aeroplane engine.

The laboratory, known as the "Hartford Research Facility," will be built by the Air Force in conjunction with Pratt and Whitney Aircraft of East Hartford.

Pratt and Whitney is one of five companies which have been working for three years on an atomic engine and aircraft.

Plans for the laboratory were disclosed indirectly in the Air Research and Development Command's public works programme for the present fiscal year. The budget included \$7,500,000 for acquisition of land and start of construction on the "Facility."

FIRST CLUE

When completed, it will cost \$30,000,000. Plans for its construction offered the first concrete clue that progress is being made on an atomic plane engine and that the programme is moving out of the "study stage" into perhaps the "development" or "testing" stage.

No description of the future purpose of the laboratory was given in a non-secret listing of the project when it was approved by the last session of Congress. But informed sources linked it with Pratt and Whitney's work on an atomic engine.

There also is a possibility the facility will not be devoted entirely to atomic research, but also will be used in connection with the Air Force's goal to develop a jet engine with 25,000 pounds of thrust—more than twice as powerful as any jet engine it now has.

Experts say that any atomic-powered plane should be able to fly non-stop around the world, perhaps many times with refueling. Furthermore it would outpace the sun. From a military standpoint, this means it could fly anywhere in the world and return under cover of darkness.

BUDGET CUT

The U.S. programme to develop atomic power for planes was slowed down somewhat in 1953 by a budget cut. Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson said then any atomic plane built from knowledge available at that time would be a "poor aeroplane"—too heavy and too slow.

The Hartford Research Facility is another indication of an apparent shift in Defense Department thinking. Wilson, who originally shelved the atomic ship propulsion project, disclosed earlier this month that the Navy may soon give a "pre-

liminary go ahead" for construction of an atomic powered aircraft carrier.

The first atomic plane engine will probably be similar to the turbo-jet engine now being used in modern combat planes, with the heat from the atomic reactor replacing the burning of conventional fuels in the combustion chamber.

The primary advantage of an atomic plane engine is that it could give aircraft fantastic speed. It has been estimated by nuclear engineers that an atomic plane of the size of a B-36 would be able to circle the earth 80 times on one pound of U-235 fuel and would travel at least the speed of the sun—300 miles per hour.—United Press.

Red Disarmament

Proposals

Selwyn Lloyd To Ask For Clarification

New York, Oct. 10.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, British Minister of State, is expected to demand clarification of a new Soviet disarmament plan tomorrow at the opening of a disarmament debate in the United Nations.

Mr. Lloyd, opening the debate in the Political Committee of the General Assembly, will probably also explain the Anglo-French disarmament proposals mentioned in the Soviet plan.

These proposals, put forward at secret five-power disarmament talks in London last May and June, called for disarmament in stages and the prohibition of atomic weapons except in defence against aggression. An international control organ would be established.

REJECTED

The Soviet Union rejected the proposals and the talks broke down, but Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, chief Soviet delegate to the United Nations, last week presented a plan which accepted the Anglo-French proposals as a "basis" for disarmament.

The debate will last for most of this week and perhaps longer. Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge is expected to speak for the United States a day or two after Mr. Lloyd.—Reuter.

NYE BEVAN RENEWES PLEA

Tredgar,

Monmouthshire, Oct. 11. Mr. Aneurin Bevan, leader of the Labour Party left wing, renewed his plea last night for co-existence with the Communists, saying that Britain must base her (foreign) policy on the belief that the two could live peacefully together.

Mr. Bevan said America had refused to accept suggestions from Sir Winston Churchill, Britain's Prime Minister, that efforts should be made at the highest level to reduce world tensions. He could not believe this refusal would help relieve the tension.

The Prime Minister had said he would still like to see Mr. George Malenkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, but what would be the point of such a visit, Mr. Bevan asked.

AMABLE CHAT

"If he goes to meet Malenkov alone, and says before-hand he could not agree with Malenkov about anything with which the United States disagrees, what can Malenkov give him? Just an amiable chat."

Referring to Mr. Eden's role at the London conference on German disarmament, Mr. Bevan said the Foreign Secretary had had to say that for the next 44 years an army of 120,000 would remain on the Continent.

"The flower of British manhood is to be committed to stay in Western Europe because Mr. Eden's solution to the German problem is so wise that France is frightened by its wisdom," he said.—Reuter.

'GOSSIP HOUSE'

London, Oct. 10.

The Borough of Fulham has suggested that a new block of Municipal flats should be called "Gossip House" because they think the prospective tenants will talk too much, but after a former Freeman of the Borough, Mr. Alexander Gossip.—China Mail Special.

Labour Councillor's Action Mischievous

Birmingham, Oct. 10.

A Labour Councillor's plan for "an all out frontal attack" on hotels, cafes and inns operating a colour bar was described by the Secretary of the Birmingham City Council's Labour group tonight as "mischievous" and "sensationalism."

Councillor Geoffrey Allen says that with the aid of coloured people, he has drawn up a list of 100 establishments practicing racial discrimination in this industrial city of over a million people.

He plans to name these places at the Council's next public session and says he is "considering" opposing the licensing of premises at the next Birmingham session (where inn-keepers are licensed).

action seems designed to get Birmingham a bad name. "White and coloured people get along well together in Birmingham and the employment of coloured people on city transport had been well received," he said.

"We have to remember the awakening of the nationalistic spirit in Africa and other countries and we must have a balanced view, bringing along full equality to all races."

Our local work programme is to be discussed at the next session.

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Poland May Break With Russia, Says U.S. Report

Washington, Oct. 10.

The people of Red-dominated Poland have "vehemently" rejected Communism and may be ready to follow Yugoslavia in breaking away from the yoke of Moscow, a report prepared for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today.

Setback For Bao Dai

Paris, Oct. 10.

The Vietnam Prime Minister, Ngo Dinh Diem, today overruled the wishes of the Vietnamese head of state, Bao Dai, and refused to appoint the former Defence Minister, General Nguyen Van Xuan, as his Vice-Premier and Defence Minister.

The General, who is backed by the army, resigned from the Government on September 24 in a crisis over differences between the Prime Minister and the army.

Ex-Emperor Bao Dai, now living on the French Riviera, told the Prime Minister that General Xuan should receive the appointments when the Prime Minister reshuffled his Cabinet to give it a more popular basis.

The report said that Bao Dai was reported to be "stunned" by the Prime Minister's refusal and French official circles are said to be alarmed.

The reports said that Vietnamese political and military quarters saw the refusal as open rebellion against the head of state.—Reuter.

Duke Touring Central Scotland

Edinburgh, Oct. 10.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who has been spending the weekend privately with Lord and Lady Lasdowrie at their home in Forth, is expected here tomorrow to begin a three-day tour of central Scotland.

On Wednesday, he travels overnight to join the Queen to welcome Emperor Haile Selassie, of Ethiopia, who arrives on Thursday for a three-day state visit.

The Queen, Princess Margaret, Prince Charles and Princess Anne arrived back in London this morning from their summer holiday at Balmoral, in the Scottish Highlands.—China Mail Special.

FRANCO ON U.S. CARRIER

Valencia, Oct. 10.

General Franco spent today on board the 80,000-ton Italian liner, the Conte di Cavour, on his way to the east coast of Spain.

The General said he was pleased to see the American carrier.

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Africans Clash With Police

Lima, Oct. 10.

Two police officers were injured here today when 400 Peruvian Africans rioted near the Lima police station.

The rioters, who were demanding better pay, were dispersed by police.

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Ship's Crew Fight Sharks

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 10.

Crew members of the captured United States freighter Mormackite spent two days fighting off killer sharks as they clung to bits of wreckage survivors arriving here said today.

Eleven steamer from the 6,100-ton freighter arrived here in three destroyers after being rescued at sea. The warships also brought the bodies of 12 crew members who perished when the ship sank early on Thursday.

A plane and three Coast Guard cutters are still searching for 25 members of the ship's crew of 45 in the area where the Mormackite sank, about 150 miles off Cape Henry, Virginia. Officials said there is little hope of finding more survivors.

The steamer brought here today said their ship, bound from Buenos Aires to Baltimore, ran into stormy weather on Tuesday. Her cargo of iron ore shifted early on Thursday and she capsized and went down within an hour.—Reuter.

Expedition To Subdue The Nagas

Calcutta, Oct. 10.

The Indian Government will probably send an expedition this winter to the strategic northeast India region flanking Burma, where 700,000 Nagas tribesmen are threatening to establish an independent state, the usually well informed Hindustan Standard reported here today.

The newspaper said that the expedition would be sent to restore law and order in a turbulent area covering 5,000 square miles now simmering with revolt.

Earlier reports reaching here said that a foreign trained leader named Hongkin has demanded an independent kingdom for his wild and semi-barbaric followers.

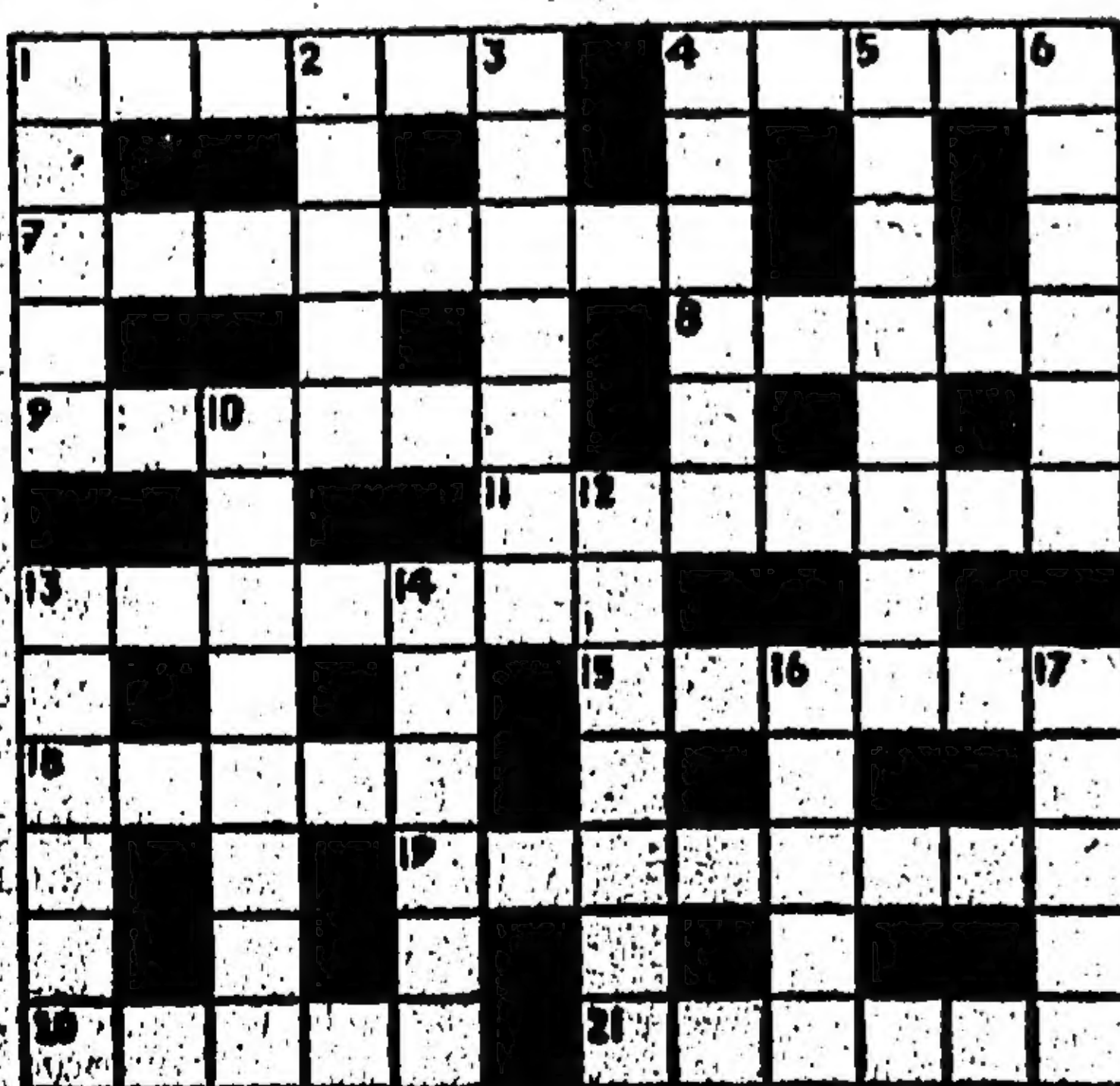
SECRET MISSION

The Hindustan Standard said that Hongkin had sent a secret mission to Pakistan and to American officials in India to seek more arms to help him launch a wide-scale rebellion.

Hongkin has already appointed 15 high ministers—all foreign trained—to run the administration of the area. Several of these are in contact with the Burma guerrillas, the newspaper added.

The hills occupied by the Nagas who were headhunting only recently are covered with thick jungle which renders administration almost impossible. Villages are linked by what are nothing more than faint tracks.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
1. Opening move (6).
2. Beverage (6).
3. Stubborn (8).
4. Wilderness (8).
5. Vegetable (6).
6. Spread (7).
7. Great (7).
8. Nured (6).
9. Gave (6).
10. Agree (6).
11. Unstable (8).
12. Abandon monetary unit (8).
- DOWN
1. Spectre (5).
2. Name for a bear (5).
3. Snared (7).
4. Kind of needlework (6).
5. Eldest (8).
6. Aye (6).
7. Plunders (8).
8. Annoyed (7).
9. Small box (6).
10. Vigor (6).
11. Unusual (5).
12. Discourage (6).

SAFETY'S CROSSWORD: 1. Cut, 2. Lamp, 3. Gun, 4. Air, 5. Volume, 6. Swan, 7. Fire, 8. Shield, 9. Arrow, 10. Tree, 11. Rocket, 12. Star, 13. Bill, 14. Similar, 15. Look, 16. Press, 17. Fused, 18. Power, 19. Union, 20. Force, 21. Alarm, 22. Prime, 23. Ocean, 24. Pair, 25. Rock, 26. Time, 27. Crown, 28. Shield.



"Let me know if the subject of food comes up in your conversation."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

GIVE them time, and all the jokes come true. We are accustomed to experiments on animals for the possible benefit of human beings. But the obesity of pet dogs, and the consequent difficulty of getting smart clothes to fit them, has led some of our two-footed friends to live on a dog's diet, in order to find out how a fat dog can lose weight without detriment to his nerves. Cats, they tell me, are dying their whiskers blue or ash-blond in order to look younger. My cat is cooked for a few foul words from an ageing parrot who is having her wrinkles rubbed out by a masseur.

We Are Seven

"Who are these girls?" the chairman asked. When Ruskin came to give a lecture, And all the girls in chorus roared:

"The Seven Vamps of Architecture!"

Musical memories

A CORRESPONDENT asks: "Does Sir Gerald Barry never play anything but Piri-piri-piri?" My dear sir! His repertoire includes air from Italian operas, a Cuban rhapsody, "Soggarth Aaron," "The Boys of Westford," "Montesquieu," "High Over The Roof," and 6,131 other bits and pieces. Once, under the Rochers de Naye, he played the Ranz des Vaches so persuasively that

900 head of cattle followed him down to Territet, into his hotel, and up to his room. He was accused by the manager of "making a scene," and he had to play them back all the way up the mountains. Next day the Gazette de Lausanne had the banner headline:—

In Hotel Cattle-Raid

Mme. Kodiva Oyul flies in

London on a shopping holiday as Kodiva Oyul, the "Turkish" ballerina. Last night, at a party given for her by Mrs Chudge, wife of Judge Chudge of Indianapolis, Captain Charles Bates, fresh from Finland, asked the Italian model Pittura Fresca to sign her autograph on the cricket bat with which he made 18 for the Market Harborough, Leic. Club, at Chappow. Come Rascal de St. Chely de Rochefort, amid laughter, made a pattern of shrimps and biscuits on the bat, Dame Ellen Wrath, amid laughter, said it was a shame that a bat doesn't open like a sunshade. So Watpiti, the Japanese slate magnate, poked the bat through a window, amid laughter.

Twenty Years of Upstart

The car-splitting exhaust scream should outdo even the startling music of the B.R.M. racing car.

THE use of inverted commas for "music" is merely a lowbrow trick to annoy high-brow drivers.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Clues Will Lead To The Culprit

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played, somebody committed a horrible bridge crime. If you are a good bridge detective you will be able to spot the crime and nab the criminal.

West opened the Jack of hearts. East played the queen, and South won with the ace. Declarer led a trump to dummy's eight and returned a low club from dummy in order to force the queen. West won with the king of clubs and led a low heart to East's king.

East promptly returned the queen of diamonds, hoping that South had only the king of this suit. South won with the ace of diamonds, cashed the ace of clubs and entered dummy with a trump in order to ruff a club. As it happened, the clubs failed to break, so South had to lose a club, two diamonds, and a heart.

Somewhere in the bidding or play of this hand, a horrible bridge crime has been committed. See if you can spot it for yourself before you read on.

It's very difficult to blame anybody for the bidding. There are nine fast tricks at no-trump, but South cannot be criticised for rebidding the spades, nor can North be blamed for raising.

The crime occurred in the play of the cards, for South should have made his contract. Upon winning the first trick

NORTH 15	
♠ Q 10 8	
♥ 8 3	
♦ 8 4 3	
♣ 8 5 4 2	
WEST	
♠ 7 4	
♥ J 10 9 7 2	
♦ K 6 5	
♣ K 7	
EAST	
♠ 5 3	
♥ K Q 8 4	
♦ Q J 10	
♣ J 10 9 3	
SOUTH (D)	
♠ A K J 9 8 2	
♥ A 5	
♦ A 7 2	
♣ A Q	
North-South vul.	
South	West
2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass
Opening lead—♥ J	

with the ace of hearts, South should have given up a club trick. He can then get to dummy twice with trumps in order to ruff clubs, and can get back to dummy with a third trump in order to cash the last club.

This line of play will succeed if the clubs break 3-3 or 4-2, and if neither opponent had all four trumps. The odds are about 3 to 1 in favour of such a break. Taking the club finesse will succeed only if the finesse works, for which the odds are only even. A 3 to 1 shot is, of course, far better than an even money shot.

South thought that he was playing for either the club finesse or a 3-3 club break, which would have been a good combination. If West had held K-x-x in clubs, however, he would have won with the king of clubs and returned a trump; and then South would be unable to develop the clubs despite the 3-3 break in the suit.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East 1 Diamond Pass 2 Spades Pass

You, South, hold: Spades 7-5-3, Hearts K-Q-4, Diamonds A-K-Q-8-2, Club 7. What do you do?

A—Bid three diamonds. Your opening bid is a minimum in high-card strength, but your strong suit may be the vital feature in a slam. You must show that your suit is rebiddable.

TODAY'S QUESTION

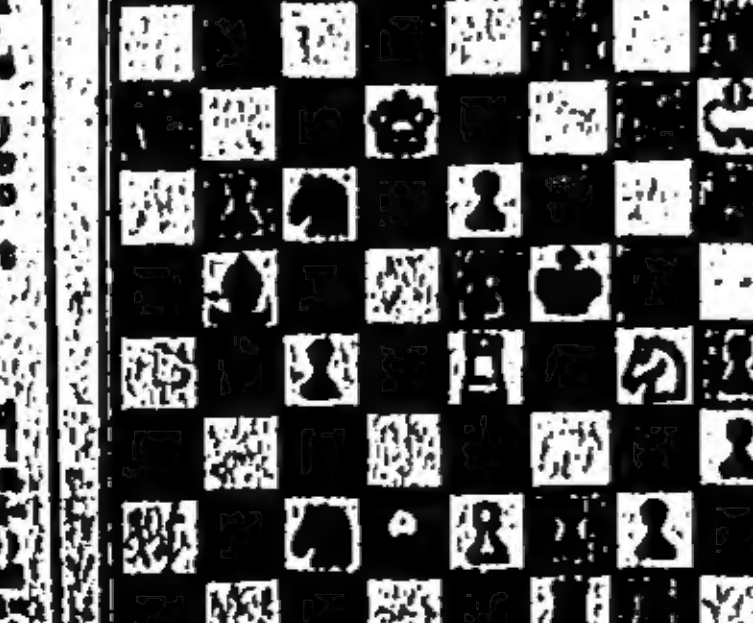
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spade 5, Hearts 9-4, Diamonds A-K-Q-8-2, Clubs K-Q-7-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. MIKAN

Black, 15 pieces.



White to move. Can White force a win?

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Amber coloured satin is set to become a star amongst evening materials. This is the material Hardy Amies has chosen for this dress, which has a wide V-neck and a flared skirt.

POTATO PANCAKES

HERE is the Polish way of making potato pancakes which I am sure you will enjoy. You will need:—

1 1/2 lb. potatoes, half pint milk, three eggs, two tablespoons butter, cinnamon, and sugar. Boil the potatoes, rub them

through a sieve into a basin, and mix with the milk, the egg yolks, ground cinnamon, sugar to taste, and the stiffly beaten egg whites. Beat into a smooth, light batter, and cook as thin pancakes.

Continental like these coffee houses—for their atmosphere. They can sit over one cup of

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Teddy Becomes a King

—It Was All Part of Mr. Merlin's Magic—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF thought he would have some fun with Teddy the Stuffed Bear, so he looked around the room for Teddy. He couldn't see him.

"Teddy!" Knarf called. "Teddy, where are you?" For Knarf was sure that Teddy was somewhere in the room.

A Regal Bear

"Here!" replied Teddy in a muffled voice.

Knarf found Teddy lying under four or five (or six or seven) pillows on the sofa. "I didn't crawl under them myself, no sir," said Teddy when Knarf sat him on top of, and not underneath, the pile of pillows.

Sitting on top of the pile of pillows, Teddy looked like some strange kind of king whose throne was made of pillows piled one on top of the other. But Teddy felt quite big and proud and... kingy, for now that he looked like a king, he felt like a king.

All of a sudden Knarf rubbed his eyes with astonishment. There was no doubt about it. Something had just come whirling through the air. It had landed on Teddy's head.

"Ouch!" cried Teddy when the thing had landed.

Knarf rubbed his eyes and looked again.

It was not only a crown, and a golden crown, but it had diamonds and rubies and emeralds and pearls all around it! The jewels sparkled and twinkled and glowed and flashed—just like electric bulbs!

"Why," cried Knarf, more astonished than ever. "They spell out something!"

Impignia of Royalty

"They do," said Teddy, even more astonished than Knarf. In fact, so astonished that he felt like a king. He felt like a king. He felt like a king.

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WOMANSENSE

FASHIONED FOR AUTUMN

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

London. MOST of the visitors who holiday in London come in the summer. As a Londoner, I wonder why. The weather can scarcely come up to their expectations; it rarely comes up to ours. And the city is so crowded that travelling around town, eating out or booking for a theatre has to be planned like a campaign.

If they chose autumn instead, they would find the weather better and the city back to normal again after the summer season. Besides, Londoners have its "tourist attractions" in the autumn as well as earlier.

For one thing, the foreign restaurants seem to perk up when people get back from their summer holidays. In one Soho restaurant, for instance, you can have a three-course French meal for no more than six shillings. It amazes French visitors that they can eat their own food more cheaply in London than at home. For a similar meal in Paris, they would pay a pound a head—or more.

In fact, there are so many restaurants serving foreign food in London just now that you may find it difficult to track down a good restaurant which puts on English dishes.

For even the small coffee houses mustering up over the town are copying the foreign food idea. Italian coffee, French soup, Danish sandwiches, Swedish pastries—that's what's on the menu.

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An old favourite gets a new look. Here black taffeta is chosen for an evening dress with draped off-the-shoulders bodice and bouffant skirt. By Susan Small.

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CLUB 1, SOUTH CHINA B

THIS WAS REALLY A TALE OF FLATTERERS AND SHATTERERS

By I. M. MacTAVISH

This was really a tale of flatterers and shatterers. The Club, fresh from their well merited win over the Army, flattered us into believing that they could also hold the powerful South China combination. The Caroline Hill boys in their turn shattered any prevailing ideas that they have slipped from their previous high standard.

It would be easy to get carried away in a sweep of superlatives in describing the play of the Chinese side at the Club Stadium on Saturday. They were polished and concise in everything they did and they had far too much craft and ability for a Club side that never revealed the same determination as it did last Wednesday.

In the early stages of the game the Club played in a defensive manner. They moved the ball about quickly but in their defence they were not too far from the line. In the second half the Club played in a more offensive manner. They moved the ball about quickly but in their defence they were not too far from the line.

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From this point the Club were never in with a chance and goal came with regularity. At the end where home defensive work tended to exaggerate the superiority of the South China forwards.

Yiu Cheuk-yin was in his most brilliant form and gave Planck and Bishop a hapless afternoon. His dribbling of the ball was at times uncanny and although he occasionally overdid it he showed that he has now established the same understanding with Chu Wing-wah as he used to have with Mok Chun-wah.

Brilliant inter-passing led to goals by Lee Yik-tak (2) and Chu Wing-wah, while another Yiu Cheuk-yin chalked up a couple on his own account to

moment in the left back position where Lau Xee is having difficulty in recapturing his good form of last season.

The Club side never gave up trying and Lawson, Wright, Falconer, Paton and Welles worked hard to put a better face on things.

Centre-half Wright played consistently well but found the speed of movement of the opposing forward line his biggest worry.

Falconer's over-enthusiasm led to several free-kicks being awarded against him, but up front Paton looked capable of doing real damage if he could have got hold of the ball.

Pickering had a good first half but got a knock after the interval and, like Gardner, hobbled through a big part of the game.

VERDICT: Just across the way the Kwangtung Handicap claimed a lot of attention but as far as this part of Happy Valley was concerned it was quite definitely "No River" with Gardner and Pickering.

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CESAREWITCH FAVOURITE



King's Love, which is joint favourite for the Cesarewitch, to be run at Newmarket on Wednesday, shown at the start of a training gallop, with Ken Gethin in the saddle. The horse, trained by G. Todd, is owned by Mrs F. Bullock-Marsham. King's Love disappointed when he finished unplaced in the Melbourne Stakes at Newmarket when, despite holding a good position most of the way, he suddenly dropped back.—Reuterphoto.

Scottish Rugby Union Wants Clubs To Use 3-2-3 Forward Formation

London, Oct. 10.

Rugby Football Union has through its President, Mr John Bannerman, appealed to affiliated clubs to change the formation of packing.

Mr Bannerman, who gained 37 caps between 1921 and 1929, has told clubs and players that his Union would like to see all using the 3-2-3 forward formation.

"We believe the adoption of the 3-4-1 formation has been one of the main factors contributing to the decline in traditional Scottish forward play."

So 3-4-1 adherents are asked: "Consider seriously a return to the 3-2-3 formation, which did so much to make Scottish forward play a dominating factor and placed us high among the Rugby-playing countries."

The basic principle, he said, must be that forwards should, as often as practicable, take the ball towards their opponents' goal rather than pursue the game method of backing the ball on every possible occasion, thus eliminating the essential element which can win games.

The Union, he points out, are not dictating that the 3-2-3 should be followed by clubs and schools, but he warns that the Union intends that it should be practised by all inter-district, trial and international teams.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mistake In An Abbreviation

Sir,—In reply to the Reverend Ralph Brown's letter in your edition of 4th Oct, may I seek to close this correspondence with an apology and a final statement.

My apology is for a mistake in an abbreviation—a near military disaster in a sphere where AD means "after duty" and not "anno domini".

I should have written Army BA and not ABA which of course is the abbreviation for the Amateur Boxing Association.

The rules of the Army BA are as I stated previously, quite clear on the subject and leave no room for doubt as to the interpretation of an army novice. This is not as suggested a local ruling but one that is universally accepted throughout the Army.

Finally I would add that our rules are contained in an excellent book called *Games and Sports in the Army* which is on sale to the public.

J. A. DAWSON, CBE, Colonel, Chairman, Land Forces Sports Board.

Most Scottish clubs play the 3-2-3 scrum. However, Selkirk, who won the Club Championship two years ago, and several other clubs and public schools have used the 3-4-1 method. Club officials in the main agree there should be unanimity in scrum formation; but that only intensifies the argument over which is the better.

In Britain generally there has been much favour for the 3-4-1. It is more compact and can produce a quick shove rather than a sustained pressure to carry the hooker over the ball at the right moment.

The ball has to come through only two rows and with a nicely timed shove and efficient hooker it should come through quickly to the scrum-half's side of the number eight.

"SPOILERS" CHARGE Up jumps the charge of "spoilers" when the position of the wing forwards is studied. They are a step nearer the scrum half—and fly half. While they can see the ball more clearly in the opponents' scrum they can also gauge more accurately when to break. The number eight, too, can break fast and more easily, for he has no one binding on him in the back row.

It is worth bearing in mind here the scrum half. The wide second row can screen him as he gets the ball away.

The risk of over-development of shoving is only one aspect against 3-4-1. Forwards in this formation cannot "hold" the ball so well. Furthermore, a 3-2-3 pack can wheel more effectively. Even when British forwards playing 3-4-1 have wanted to wheel it has been found better in many instances for the wing forwards to go back into the third row.

The results of the Union's move, in terms of points and international prestige, will be interesting for in these days when the open game is in loud demand, the question is prompted: "What will happen to the backs if there is an accent on forward play?"

German Retains European Title

Frankfurt, Oct. 9.

Heinz Neuhäuser of West Germany retained his European heavyweight boxing title here tonight when he knocked out Kurt Schlegel of Austria in the third round of their 15 rounds contest.—Reuter.

Kitchee Take Two Points But Little Honour

Kitchee took two points but little honour from their victory over the Royal Air Force at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon.

Generally the sympathy of the small crowd was with the airmen who finished the game with only nine effective players.

The presence of Fortune's daughter was early evident and with only 3 minutes of the game gone Elton suffered a nasty ankle injury and took no further part in the match.

Just as though that wasn't bad enough Tomlinson was badly injured when a hefty clearance from Kwok Ying-ken hit him in the pit of the stomach. He was obviously in great pain and was assisted to the dressing room.

As was to be expected the depleted RAF team assumed a strange appearance after these events as the players tried manfully to cover the vacant positions.

TAME AFFAIR Kitchee showed little spirit and the game was generally a tame affair although there were lots to be admired in the way the luckless airmen stuck to their task.

Loie Kai-chiu got three goals for the winners but he has not yet settled down in the forward line where some of the ultra-clever play of his mates still baffles him.

This is especially true of his association with Chu Wing-keung and several times it was noticeable that the Colony star was thinking just a little too far for the young centre-forward.

The Kitchee defence still looks to be short of speed and they were all up-in-the-air when

HKCC Regain The Hancock Shield

At Cox's Road, yesterday HKCC defeated KCC by three wickets, and thus regained the Hancock Shield, which they had lost in their previous encounter last March.

The match, which is normally a two-day affair, was reduced to one day by mutual agreement between the captains.

In a low-scoring game, HKCC gained gradual control and as the day wore on they were without loss in reply to the home side's score of 100.

In the last hour, however, KCC made a fighting comeback and seven wickets fell for a final 67 runs before a HKCC victory was achieved.

THE SCORES

P. Wood, b. Spin	9
W.M. Davidson, c. Knight, b. Pritchard	1
K. Lo, c. MacPherson, b. Stanton	19
A.T. Lee, c. MacPherson, b. Stanton	4
L.J. Herron, b. Spin	0
R.C. Coffey, b. Spin	32
A. Zimmerman, c. MacPherson, b. Leach	11
B.C.N. Carroll, c. Leach, b. Pritchard	3
H. Chamberlain, lbw, b. Spin	11
R. Jenner, not out	6
W.J.B. Lewis, lbw, b. Spin	3
Extras	8
Total	100

Fall of Wickets: 1-12, 2-23, 3-40, 4-41, 5-43, 6-58, 7-80, 8-85, 9-100.

Bowling Analysis

Pritchard	9	3	13
Stanton	8	2	7
Spin	19	6	32
Hubbell	3	1	0
Stanton	0	0	31
Leach	0	2	8

HKCC

C. H. P. Pritchard, c & b Davidson

T. G. C. Knight, c Wood, b Davidson

L. D. Kilbee, c Jenner, b Davidson

I. L. Stanton, c Lo, b Lee

J. N. R. Pritchard, lbw, b Lee

R. W. MacPherson, c & b Leach

B. W. Carroll, c Carroll, b Leach

A. Bruce, not out

H. R. O. Hubbell, not out

Extras

Total (for seven wks.) 107

Did Not Bat: K.G.E. Spin, F. van Oorde

Fall of Wickets: 1-72, 2-78, 3-84, 4-85, 5-87, 6-88, 7-100.

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W

Carroll 12 | 1 | 34 |

Jenner 8 | 2 | 15 |

Lee 19 | 6 | 32 |

Davidson 10 | 1 | 23 |

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

FIRST RACE MEETING

Saturday 9th October & Monday 11th October, 1954.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 10 RACES.

The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 3.00 p.m. each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexander House will close at 11.45 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Batches at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal intervention of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him. Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years. Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$18.00 each for the first day \$20.00 each for the second day and \$38.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5 D'Agular Street, during normal office hours and until 11 a.m. on the first day.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEPS

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Kwangtung Handicap scheduled to be run on 8th October 1954, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

The sale of these tickets will close on Friday 8th October at—
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon at 4.00 p.m.
5, D'Agular Street at 5.00 p.m.
Queen's Building, (Chater Road) at 6.00 p.m.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, the Tote, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MIRA, Secretary.

Hungarian Leads

In Modern

Pentathlon

Budapest, Oct. 10.

Jstvan Sandoly, of Hungary, won the equestrian event on the opening day of the World Modern Pentathlon Championships here today.

He covered a course of 5,000 metres (three miles, 104 yards), which included 25 obstacles in eight minutes 12.7 seconds to score 1,192.5 points.

Second was Bjorn Thorolf, of Sweden, 17-year-old son of a former World Pentathlon Champion, who clocked eight minutes 44.2 seconds for 1,178.5 points.

D. Battig, Austria, and V. Korponen, Finland, shared third place each with 1,157.5 points and W. J. Andre, USA, and G. R. Norman, Britain, followed, each with 1,152.5 points.

Switzerland led in the team competition after the equestrian event with 3,807.5 points.

Thirty-four competitors from 12 countries are taking part in the Championships, which continue tomorrow with the fencing, shooting, swimming and cross country running complete the tournament.—Reuter.

Italian Speedboat Ace Dies During Record Attempt

Milan, Oct. 9.

Mario Verga, 44-year-old Italian motorboat champion, was killed today on the calm waters of Lake Disio when his speedboat sank while he was trying to beat the United States' world record for speedboats.

Verga was travelling at an estimated speed of 185 miles an hour when his Laura III suddenly disintegrated and sank in a few seconds.

A first attempt to hoist the boat and the body of the speed pilot have proved unsuccessful.—United Press.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 2nd Race Meeting 1954/55 to be held on Saturday 28th October, 1954, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexander House, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Sha Tin, Kowloon.

Ratified close at 12 o'clock Noon on Monday 25th October 1954.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MIRA, Secretary.

THE GAMBOLE

ON HOW I ENJOY MY YOUR EASY LIFE. NONE OF THE PUSH AND TUG OF THE CITY. ALWAYS TIME FOR A COZIE.

BARRY Appleby

TODAY CARE TO GIVE US A HAND WITH THE WORK TO DO? WE'VE GOT A CURSE.

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Today's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The First Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club's 1954/55 season will continue from 2 p.m. today. There are ten events, the most important of which is the Connaught Handicap, a race for Class 2 ponies.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Handicap: From 115 Mils Post.

The programme opens with a sprint race for Class 5 ponies. I think the result will be decided between Charlot (Mr Liu), Hiram C (Mr Chen Foy), Ben Lodi (Mr Tsai), Highlight (Mr Samarcq) and Diana (Mr Wei).

With Charlot, Mr Liu has a great opportunity of winning this race, but he expects strong opposition from Hiram C or Ben Lodi, both of which are capable of giving a good fight.

Highlight and Diana are also considered good enough to extend the more favoured three.

SECOND RACE

Connaught Handicap: From 2-Mile Post.

This is the main event of the afternoon in which Class 2 ponies will battle out the finish. First of all we have L'Arc Triomphe (Mr Liu) to consider as the pony is well suited to this distance and remembering the way it ran and won the Derby Handicap for Class 3 ponies at the 11th Race Meeting, many will not doubt rely on it this afternoon when making their bets.

Personally, I think that L'Arc Triomphe should win, but

Strathairn (Mr Plumby), which was second in the Hongkong Derby at the 11th Race Meeting, may possibly extend the above pony.

Icefield (Mr Ostroumoff) and Rainbow (Mr Wei) should fight out the third position.

THIRD RACE

Handicap: From 115 Mils Post.

In view of its win in the Lincoln Handicap for Class 4 ponies over this distance at the 11th Race Meeting, Halmark (Mr Samarcq) will be the pony in most demand by betters today.

His closest rivals are Potentially (Mr Ostroumoff) and Emerald (Mr Wong).

Knock-Again (Mr Tsai) and Norsemom (Mr Plumby) are also good over this distance and are fit enough to be a menace to the above-named ponies if favoured with a good start.

FOURTH RACE

Handicap: From 2-Mile Post.

Fighting Spirit (Mr K. Shih), winner of the West End Handicap for Class 7 ponies over the mile at the 10th Race Meeting, will probably win this race. The only danger comes from Same Again (Mr Plumby), which has been running well during training gallops, and this coming combination should not be ignored.

Then there is Diamond Queen which is very fit at the moment. Under the capable handling of Mr H. K. Hung I think it should have a say at the finish.

Avoca (Mr Ostroumoff) is another pony to bear in mind on account of its light weight of 139 lbs.

FIFTH RACE

Handicap: Six Furlongs.

John Hallfax (Mr Plumby) has a good opportunity of winning this race despite its disappointing run the last time out. I think it should just about win at the distance.

How do I know (Mr H. C. Woo), although it ran unplaced in the above race, is my choice as the distance is more suitable to it.

Mr Starr Liu has the choice of either Atomic Cuesor or Vagabond King and he will probably take out the former which is better over this distance.

For a long shot I suggest Conqueror (Mr Tsai) as this pony is capable of evading an upset.

SIXTH RACE

Handicap: From 2-Mile Post.

The two best ponies in this race are undoubtedly Strathairn (Mr Plumby) and Peony (Mr Samarcq).

Strathairn was second in the Hamilton Park Handicap over the mile at the 12th Race Meeting and judging by that performance, I think it has a good chance of scoring a win here.

Peony has shown improvement during morning gallops after winning the Green Park Handicap (Second Section) for Class 9 ponies at the last meeting and must therefore be seriously considered. Crown Witness (Mr Plumby), Wild Out (Mr Chung) and Nora Lady (Mr Peto-Hunt) should fight out the third position.

SEVENTH RACE

Handicap: From 115 Mils Post.

This is a sprint affair in which Class 8 ponies will figure. I don't think it is necessary to look for anything other than Attractive Power (Mr Samarcq) among the contenders for the likely winner.

It will be called upon to carry 151 lbs. today, but due to the short distance and the fact that it came third in the Oxford Handicap over Six Furlongs, carrying 147 lbs., at the 11th Race Meeting with Mr H. H. Chan up, I believe that it can shoulder this extra weight and win.

The strongest opposition will come from Tune-phone (Mr C. A. Loe). The pony is certainly very fit and may prove dangerous, and a win from this combination is impossible.

Easy-going (Mr Plumby) should fill third place, with

Aeroplane (Mr Chuang) the best outsider.

EIGHTH RACE

Handicap: One Mile.

This race is confined to Class 1 ponies.

Gay Prince (Mr Chuang), judging from its win in the Cheong Handicap (First Section) for Class 6 ponies over this distance at the 11th Race Meeting, should win again.

There is, however, Forward View (Mr Pih) to be reckoned with.

High Speed (Mr Ostroumoff) may turn the tables on the above two.

For a long shot I recommend Bright Bay (Mr H. K. Hung). This pony is good enough to cause an upset.

NINTH RACE

Handicap: Six Furlongs.

In this sprint race for Class 9 ponies, the winner should come from among Ironside (Mr Plumby), First Lady (Mr Yen), Evening View (Mr Pih) and Harvest Moon (Mr Wan Shek-ming).

Ironside is my choice and I think it should win, but First Lady is not to be ignored as this pony is quite dependable over this distance.

Evening View and Harvest Moon are quite fast and should be near at the finish. I expect to see the finish in the following order: Ironside, First Lady and Evening View.

TENTH RACE

Handicap: One Mile.

Class 5 ponies will battle out the finish in this last race of the afternoon.

Victory (Mr Chun Kit) should command strong support in the betting. Good as this pony is, however, I don't think it will win over this distance.

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Petrie Wins Colony Golf Championship

A. R. Petrie won the Colony Open Golf Championship with a score of 156 for 36 holes over the Old and New Courses at Fanling yesterday.

D. L. Anderson, just one stroke behind, was the runner-up for the second successive year.

Scores on the whole were perhaps the highest ever seen in an Open Championship. Petrie and Anderson were the only ones to break 80 on both courses.

The best of the 11 overseas challengers among the 44 competitors was Lew Carson of Manila, Carson, former Shanghai tennis champion, shared third place with K. S. Kinghorn with a total of 160 strokes.

Playing conditions in the morning were a bit on the rugged side. There was a strong wind blowing and for about an hour the players were lashed by a biting, chilly rain.

At the end of the morning round Major A. G. S. Edgar was leading the field with 77, which he scored on the New Course, followed by Petrie with 78, Kinghorn 79, Capt. B. Biggar 79 (all on New Course) and Anderson 79 (Old Course).

Anderson's 79 was the best of the morning's scores on the Old Course.

Petrie's and Anderson's cards for both rounds:

Old Course

New Course

Anderson

Petrie

Kinghorn

Biggar

Edgar

Carson

Kinghorn

Anderson

Petrie

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THE WINNER



Firefly, winner of the Kwangtung Handicap, with Marcel Samarcq up, is being led into the winner's circle at Happy Valley by his owner, Mr Fred Elias, after the race. — (Staff Photographer).

THE SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

IS THIS ANOTHER BOOBY TRAP BY GERMANY?

By W. CAPEL KIRBY

Roundabout turned in Brussels the week-end before last and found the true Fritz Walter story. Contrary to denials there is dissension in the German camp.

Fritz was in Brussels to see his countrymen humbled by Belgium. While they were banqueting after the match, Fritz, the brains and inspiration behind their World Cup triumph, was sitting in seclusion less than half a mile away.

I hear that the real crux of the matter is that the German authorities, deprecate Walter cashing in personally on the team's World Cup triumph—he is awaiting the publication of his book "3-2", the score by which Germany beat Hungary, and is making two films, a documentary and a sporting heartthrob.

BY-PASSING

Who can blame him with the maximum pay for professionals in Germany only 324 marks (approx. £28 10s.) a month. Critics argue that Fritz is by-passing international appearances to keep his market value at peak. "He cannot afford to damage his money-making reputation by risking his appearance in reverses," they argue.

Truth of the matter is that Germany's skipper is not fit. To this the anti-Walter group point out that he played one of his best games ever for Kaiser Sluiken in a 6-0 Cup victory over Cologne only four days before the Belgium match, and was out again in his best form in a friendly match at Liege only a few days ago.

REACTION

It is evident that Germany's team, trained to be at peak for the World Cup series, is suffering from reaction. But be sure team manager Herberger will have them back in peak form for the match against England.

All this Fritz Walter business could be a deeply-laid booby trap and there are few better at that game than the Germans. My bet is that having seen Germany without Fritz Walter their FA will make sure he has every inducement to play in the match which all Germany wants to win—against England at Wembley on Dec. 1.

Calling Derek Dooley. Wanting to meet you when he comes to England for the match at Wembley is Hans Flockner, former pro-war German international.

LOST A LEG

He, too, a leg on the football, but with a difference. It was through a bomb thrown by a Resistance fighter while the Stade Francaise ground with the German Army team in Paris, I shall be pleased to arrange and be present at the meeting.

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A MOST REMARKABLE GAME

Nine Players Under 21 In Wolves' Match With Manchester United

By ARCHIE QUICK

One of the most remarkable First Division games ever played was that between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Manchester United at Molineux last Saturday week. It was a pity that these rivals for the Championship should clash on the day of the Ireland-England international in Belfast, but what a chance it gave to put youth on parade.

Nine of the 22 players were under 21, all four inside forwards were under age, Wolves had out the youngest half back line in the Club's history, there were three League debutants all minors, and Manchester fielded two teenage full backs who were both in Junior football last season for the pair who were representing their country.

The core of these teams may have been ripped out, but not the heart. They laid on a thrill-a-minute display, scrupulously clean, and provided the most sensational finish of the season. England need not worry about her international future while she has such juniors.

Consider the position. United had lost goalkeeper Wood and full backs Foulkes and Byrne to England and Blanchflower to Ireland; Wanderers had supplied Wright and Slater to England.

In game Greaves (19), Kennedy (20), Clapp (20), Russell (19) while others of the youth squad were Edwards (18), Dealey (20), Broadbent (20), Flowers (20), and Violett (19).

Deputy full backs Greaves and Kennedy were subjected to almost continuous pressure by an experienced forward line in the second half, and they held out for 80 of the 90 minutes.

The last ten minutes, however, were fatal and they crumbled under the strain. The "Babes" of Old Trafford were 1-0 up after 70 minutes, still leading 2-1 after 80 minutes, and then conceded three goals, thanks to the winners of little Johny Brown, who scored twice in those closing stages and nearly landed a sensational "hat-trick".

Eddie Clapp, Roy Swinbourne and Norman Dealey, of Wolves, and Tommy Taylor, of Manchester, were full Army colours, while Ron Flowers and Peter Broadbent, of Wolves, are ex-RAF representatives.

Seemin Wins Open Singles

A. H. Seemin captured the Colony Open Singles Championship at Cox's Path yesterday by beating George Norman 21-12 in the final.

Seemin capped his remarkable climb into the final, during which he defeated both last year's winner, M. B. Hassan, and the runner-up, George Norman, his opponent yesterday with a grand exhibition of bowling under the most trying conditions.

Seemin started well with two touchers in the first head to earn the first shot, and slowly crept ahead to 10-5 in the fifth and 9-3 in the ninth.

George Norman recovered and through a series of singles reduced the deficit until, on the 18th head, he was on three shots behind, with the scoreboard reading 11-8 for Seemin.

A run of four shots in the next three consecutive heads put Seemin into a big lead, and he topped this all but wrapped up the game. Norman, however, resisted stoutly to earn two shots in the next two heads but a single on the 23rd ended the match.

SCHOOLBOYS' TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The following were the results of the Schoolboys' Hardcourt Tennis Championship matches played at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday:

School Boys' Singles—

1. In Po-yip beat Billy Wong 6-0, 6-4.

2. Chan Pak-long beat David Lee 6-0, 6-3.

School Boys' Doubles—

1. Tung Wing-ho and Wong Nai-han beat Bobby Yip and David Chan-ho 7-5, 6-4.

2. P. S. Goh and J. Shun beat P. Yung-ming and Lee Tsang 6-4, 6-0.

CHINESE RECREATION CLUB

There is no radical change either in the mode of play of Manchester United, and here Manager Matt Busby has brought to the front a batch of youngsters who should be the prop of England teams for years.

Gillingham for so long one of the struggling poor relations of the League, have their best team for years with little Peter Lawlor, the brain behind all this moves. Currently Gillingham have played seven home matches without defeat—three draws and four victories—but they certainly keep their supporters on tenterhooks for each of their successes have been gained only by the odd goal, and three of them in the closing minutes.

I say that Leeds moulded Charles into a top grade player. But he made his biggest advance during his two years' National Service in the Army. The player who demobbed could not be recognised as the one who went "in" twenty-four months earlier. And that is the biggest reply to all the critics of National Service for young professional footballers.

I get to know John well in those days. In tours of Germany, Austria, and about England, Ireland and Scotland I discovered a shy, gentle lad who, despite being read and shoulders above his colleagues in skill as well as physique was always the first one to carry the baggage or do the extra "graff" on the field.

Gillingham are one of those clubs which could attract big crowds if they could rise above the Third Division. Like Plymouth and Portsmouth, they have a large Naval backing, but in addition, they have no League opposition nearer than London and have the whole of the Midway area of North Kent's population to draw upon.

Yet it is a remarkable fact that Gillingham—once known as New Brompton—have only once finished in the top half of the table, have three times had to apply for re-election and suffered one desperately long period in the non-League wilderness. They got back only when the Third Division were extended.

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Division I

W D L F A Pts

Sunderland 12 6 0 31 12 17

Manchester U. 12 7 2 33 20 20

Preston N.E. 12 7 2 33 14 19

West Brom 12 7 2 33 10 18

